

**The City of Springfield, Ohio  
City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, August 3, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.  
City Hall Forum**

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The meeting was called to order by President Copeland. Roll call was answered by Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

The invocation was offered by Mr. Copeland, who then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, members approved the minutes of the July 20, 2021, Work Session and Legislative Meeting as presented.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**FIRST READINGS—ORDINANCES**

The following legislation was read by title only for the first time and requires presentation at a second regular meeting before vote on passage:

**199-21 Authorizing the Finance Director to purchase 3,850 tons of rock salt for the 2021-2022 winter season from American Rock Salt Co LLC for an amount not to exceed \$240,779.00, through the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program in accordance with the provisions of Section 5513.01(B) of the Ohio Revised Code.**

**200-21 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Development Incentive Agreement (Single Family Residential Development) with Alexander Jarred Robinson and Janiece Robinson to provide for sewer services to real property outside the City limits.**

**155-21 Confirming and approving Change Order No. 2 to the contract between the City and Arcon Builders for the White Box Retail Space Build-Out Project, to increase the contract in an amount not to exceed \$21,841.97, for a total amount not to exceed \$385,220.97; and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Change Order No. 2.**

Upon question of Dr. Estrop, Paul Hicks from the City Manager's Office updated the retail space project located on the first floor of the parking garage. The requested change order would allow for required structural changes discovered while creating the retail space. Mr. Hicks noted the project should be completed by November 1, 2021, and a contract for leasing two spaces for a restaurant and store would be signed soon.

**250-16 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Amendment D to the Engineering Services Agreement with Black & Veatch Corporation for the Primary Effluent Pumps Replacement Evaluation and Design Project, to increase the contract for an amount not to exceed \$574,710.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,364,840.00; and to extend the completion date to June 1, 2023.**

~~~~~ Next regular City Commission meeting: August 17, 2021. ~~~~~

**SECOND READINGS—ORDINANCES**

The following legislation was presented for a second time:

**187-21 Ordinance No. 21-227: Amending Ordinance No. 91-90, passed March 12, 1991, and commonly known as the Codified Ordinances of The City of Springfield, Ohio, by repealing and replacing existing Section 185.02 with an amended Section 185.02 titled *Holidays*.**

City Manager Heck noted the change adds the new federal observance of Juneteenth every June 19<sup>th</sup> to the holiday schedule and retroactively includes the first observance on June 18, 2021.

On motion of Mrs. Chilton, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**188-21 Ordinance No. 21-228: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Employment Incentive Agreement with Dessert Time of Ohio, Inc. to incentivize establishing a retail storefront located at 30 North Fountain Avenue to create employment in the City; and authorizing the City Manager, Finance Director and Law Director to do all things necessary to implement the said Employment Incentive Agreement.**

On motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**189-21 Ordinance No. 21-229: Authorizing the acceptance of a 2021-2022 Drug Use Prevention Grant in an amount up to \$41,436.71 from the Ohio Attorney General's Office to be used for funding for up to four officers to teach drug use prevention education in public schools; and authorizing the City Manager, Finance Director and Chief of Police to perform all acts and execute all documents they consider necessary to fulfill the City's obligations under said grant and to comply with all relevant local, state and federal legal requirements.**

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**190-21      Ordinance No. 21-230:    Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Utility Transfer Agreement with the Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Ohio (the "County") to transfer ownership of certain utility districts.**

Mr. Heck displayed a map of the utility district acquisition which are properties located outside of the corporation limits.

On motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

The following legislation was presented for the first time:

**201-21      Resolution No. 6121:    Accepting the recommendations of the Tax Incentive Review Council for Enterprise Zone agreements and Community Reinvestment Area agreements.**

On motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the resolution was adopted.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**202-21      Resolution No. 6122:    Providing certification to the Economic Development Administration pursuant to Section D.03 and VIII.D of the March 15, 1993 Standard Terms and Conditions and the RLF Administrative Manual Grant related to the CARES Act RLF.**

On motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the resolution was adopted.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**203-21      Resolution No. 6123:    Providing certification to the Economic Development Administration pursuant to Section D.03 and VIII.D of the March 15, 1993 Standard Terms and Conditions and the RLF Administrative Manual Grant.**

On motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Mrs. Chilton, the resolution was adopted.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

## **EMERGENCY ORDINANCES**

The following emergency legislation was presented for the first time:

**12-21      Emergency Ordinance No. 21-231:    Confirming purchases and the obtaining of services for the City and providing for payments therefor; and declaring an emergency therein.**

On motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**10-21      Emergency Ordinance No. 21-232:    Amending Ordinance No. 21-14 to revise the transfer of monies authorized; and declaring an emergency therein.**

On motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**11-21      Emergency Ordinance No. 21-233:    Providing for Supplemental Appropriations within various funds; and declaring an emergency therein.**

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**204-21**      A Fiscal Officer's Certificate was presented in connection with the proposed issuance of notes in the maximum principal amount of \$375,000 (the "Notes"), to be issued in anticipation of the issuance of bonds (the "Bonds") for the purpose of paying the costs of reconstructing Gateway Blvd and providing for all related site improvements, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto (the "Improvement"), that: (1) the estimated life or period of usefulness of the Improvement is at least five years; (2) the estimated maximum maturity of the Bonds, calculated in accordance with Section 133.20 of the Revised Code, is at least twenty (20) years. If notes in anticipation of the Bonds are outstanding later than the last day of December of the fifth year following the year of issuance of the original issue of the notes, the period in excess of those five years shall be deducted from that maximum maturity of Bonds; and (3) the maximum maturity of the Notes is August 28, 2041, which is two hundred forty (240) months from August 28, 2021, the date of issuance of the original note issued for this purpose.

**Emergency Ordinance No. 21-234:** Providing for the issuance and sale of Notes in the maximum principal amount of \$375,000, in anticipation of the issuance of Bonds, for the purpose of paying the costs of reconstructing Gateway Blvd. and providing for all related site improvements, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto; and declaring an emergency therein.

Mrs. Chilton asked for additional detail on the location of the project, and Mr. Heck noted Gateway Blvd. is located in the Prime Ohio Corporate Park. Mr. Copeland commented the area is a good example of work done to attract jobs resulting income tax earnings for the city and referred to state-level changes of income tax collection.

On motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Rue, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

The Fiscal Officer's Certificate was presented June 15, 2021, prior to the commencement of the City Commission meeting and prior to passage of the ordinance.

**205-21** **Emergency Ordinance No. 21-235:** Confirming and approving a Host Site Agreement with Joby Aero, Inc., for the installation of an eVTOL simulator and use of office space as part of the advanced air mobility campus at the Springfield-Beckley Municipal Airport; and declaring an emergency therein.

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**184-20** **Emergency Ordinance No. 21-236:** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into LPA Agreement No. 35221 - Amendment No. 3 between the City and the Ohio Department of Transportation in connection with the CLA SR 72-6.83 Project, PID No. 113792 to provide clarity regarding the funding sources; and declaring an emergency therein.

Mrs. Chilton asked for additional details on the project's location. Mr. Heck noted the project includes South Limestone between Leffel Lane and Singer Street. The agreement finalizes the funding sources with state and federal dollars.

On motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Chilton, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**154-17** **Emergency Ordinance No. 21-237:** Authorizing the City Manager to execute Consultant Modification No. 32946-2 with LJB, Inc. to provide additional engineering design services for the CLA SR 72-6.83 Project, PID No. 106287/113792, for an amount not to exceed \$336,453.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$908,291.00; and declaring an emergency therein.

On motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**5-17** **Emergency Ordinance No. 21-238:** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Modification No. 2 to Agreement No. 32450 with American Structurepoint, Inc. for the CLA Derr Road 0.00 Project, PID No. 104833, to increase the agreement amount by \$102,480.00 for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$592,489.00; and declaring an emergency therein.

On motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**55-21** **Emergency Ordinance No. 21-239:** Confirming and approving Change Order No. 1 to the contract between the City and Howell Contractors, Inc. for the Eastern Pressure District Waterline Upgrades Project, to increase the contract in an amount not to exceed \$67,457.17, for a total amount not to exceed \$7,998,457.17; authorizing the City Manager to execute said Change Order No. 1; and declaring an emergency therein.

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mrs. Chilton, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**206-21** **Emergency Ordinance No. 21-240:** Authorizing the Water Treatment Plant elevator replacement by Otis Elevator Company, for an amount not to exceed \$266,264.00, through Omnia Partners, pursuant to the Omnia Partners Contract Purchasing Cooperative Program, in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.48 of the Ohio Revised Code; and declaring an emergency therein.

On motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**207-21** **Emergency Ordinance No. 21-241:** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Clark State College to provide supplemental police services; authorizing the City Manager, Director of Finance, Law Director and Chief of Police to do all things necessary and execute all documents they deem necessary to implement the said Agreement and to comply with all relevant local, state and federal legal requirements; confirming and approving services provided under said Agreement from July 1, 2021 to the passage of this Ordinance; and declaring an emergency therein.

On motion of Mrs. Chilton, seconded by Mr. Rue, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**208-21      Emergency Ordinance No. 21-242: Authorizing the City Manager and the Chief of Police to accept the 2021 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award, to provide funding in the amount of \$33,926.00 to purchase various safety/technology equipment; authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between the City and The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Ohio in connection with the 2021 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant; authorizing the City Manager, Finance Director, Law Director and Chief of Police to perform all acts and execute all documents they consider necessary to fulfill the City's obligations under said grant and to comply with all relevant local, state and federal requirements; and declaring an emergency therein.**

On motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Rue, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

### **NEW ITEM ADDED TO THE AGENDA: RESOLUTION**

The following legislation was presented for the first time:

**209-21      Resolution No. 6124:    Appointing Crystal Jones to the Civil Service Commission.**

On motion of Mrs. Chilton, seconded by Mr. Rue, the resolution was adopted.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

### **NEW ITEM ADDED TO THE AGENDA: EMERGENCY ORDINANCE**

The following emergency legislation was presented for the first time:

**210-21      Emergency Ordinance No. 21-243: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Agreements with Genfare for the purchase and installation of fifteen (15) Farebox Collection Systems, with support, from Genfare for an amount not to exceed \$358,863.00; and declaring an emergency therein.**

Upon question from Mrs. Chilton, Assistant to the City Manager Cobbs explained the requested farebox purchase would replace outdated equipment on the city busses. Newer fareboxes accept credit cards, mobile ticketing, and other new capabilities.

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

### **NEW ITEM ADDED TO THE AGENDA: EMERGENCY RESOLUTION**

The following legislation was presented for the first time:

**77-20      Emergency Resolution No. 6125:    Accepting the material terms of the One Ohio subdivision settlement pursuant to the One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding and consistent with the terms of the July 21, 2021 National Opioid Settlement Agreement available at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com>; and declaring an emergency therein; and declaring an emergency therein.**

On motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the resolution was adopted.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

### **MOTION**

**211-21      Mrs. Chilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, to proceed with the emergency demolition of an industrial structure located at 626 West State Street due a real and present danger for \$80,000 as estimated by a quotation received by the contractor. Commission requests staff take all reasonable steps to recover the costs associated with said demolition.**

Commissioners Estrop, Rue and Copeland each spoke on the proposed demolition and stated their agreement with the motion as presented.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

### **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS/STAFF**

**2-21      Mrs. Chilton asked when the city safety services would hold an event for National Night Out. Police Captain Moos indicated that a date had not been selected.**

**2-21      Mr. Heck announced the impending retirement of Paul Hicks who had managed the emergency dispatch center and served as the city's project manager for the new parking garage and townhome projects. Mr. Hicks had previously retired as a police officer in another community.**

### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

**2-21** Mr. Otis Williams, 1627 Yorkshire Court, spoke on using American Rescue Plan funds to help with the homeless crisis and needs of the city's south side including food insecurity. He also spoke on traffic light concerns at the intersection of West Pleasant Street and Western Avenue.

Mr. Copeland concurred with the traffic light issue.

Mr. Rue noted the City's recent initiatives in addressing Mr. Williams' concerns of food insecurity and homelessness which are included in the Commission's adopted goals and objectives. The City actively pursued a new grocery store on South Limestone Street and assisted with hotel rooms for those needing shelter.

Mr. O'Neill thanked Mr. Williams for sharing the concerns that need addressed and the needs of the total community.

**175-21** Dr. Estrop stated that he would actively participate in discussions related to the Tremont Barrel Fill and report back to the City Commission.

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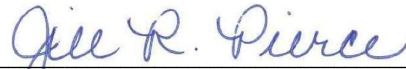
There being no further business, on motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.



PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION